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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Mohammad Tarawneh, acting Deputy Director for International Organization Affairs at the Foreign Ministry on March 25. Poloff requested the Government of Jordan (GOJ) consider offering support to AMISOM and Somalia security sector reform efforts. Tarawneh responded that the GOJ would consider the request and respond in principle to the Embassy as soon as possible.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Post will follow up with the Foreign Ministry for a substantive response. That said, based on recent coordination of regional deployments and equipment transfers, financial support to AMISOM and Somalia security sector reform is unlikely. It is possible that the GOJ would consider transferring equipment if outside funding were provided or secured by the USG. Post believes that, based on past GOJ peacekeeping contributions, the GOJ might also consider participating in a UN peacekeeping mission should one be deployed in the future.

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